GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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TECHNOLOGY MISSION ON SILK AND WOOL
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government proposes to launch a Technology Mission for the development of Silk and Wool;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether any policy has been formulated for labour reforms in the Textile Sector; and

(d) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) & (b): Ministry of Textiles, Government of India is contemplating to propose a 'Technology Mission for Indian Silks'. The details are yet to be finalized.

(c) & (d): Textile Ministry has made certain suggestions for labour reforms in the Textile Sector, which inter-alia include:-

No policy has been formulated for labour reforms in the Textile sector.

(i) Flexibility to textile exporting units in hiring labour, subject to assuring a minimum 100 days employment to cater to variations in demand.

(ii) Raising daily working hours from 9 hours a day to 12 hours a day and weekly working hours from 48 hours a week to 60 hours a week with flexible daily hourly requirements.

(iii) Treating export activity in the textile sector as a public utility service, for the purpose of industrial disputes.